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MARCH DINNER MEETING AT FUGI

From The Prez

Whatever you do, don't forget the March meeting will be at the FUGI Grill Buffet in the Midtown Shopping Center in Parma on Snow Road, just west of Broadview. The FUGI has been a big hit with CARS members and become our regular spot for our two yearly dinner meetings. Please remember, you do NOT have to have dinner to attend the meeting. The room is reserved for six o'clock for dinner, and the meeting does not start until it's usual time of 7:30.

So much is happening in the club now; it's become a beehive of activity. As mentioned in the headline, CARS status as an ARRL Special Service Club has been restored. This is an achievement all members have contributed to.

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The requirements for the SSC designation include activities and service work the club has done as a group. The licensing classes are starting, and there are students enrolled in all three levels. The regular meetings are well attended, and Bill, KD8QBB, has done a fine job arranging interesting and informative programs for every meeting. The weekly net is going strong as ever, with two new net controllers joining the team. The Field Day committee has begun plans for this year's event.

CARS has become a Recognized Organization in Seven Hills; and we will be providing communications and assistance for the Memorial Day parade and helping with the Taste of Seven Hills and Home Days events.

CARS members always do a fine job of supporting the public service events in the area. Some members are extremely active in the club. Others participate less frequently. But I invite those who rarely attend meetings and skip all the activities, to consider joining in with the group and become more active with the club. A good place to start would be to attend the March dinner meeting and enjoy the camaraderie the club has to offer. Hope to see you there.

73, Toby, WT8O

WT8O discussing dipole antenna construction at the February meeting.

Special Service Club

Mark, WJ8WM

We are pleased to announce the Special Service Club status for CARS has been renewed by the ARRL. This distinctive designation proves we continue to go above and beyond for our community and for Amateur Radio. We are the leaders in their Amateur Radio communities who provide active training classes, publicity programs and actively pursue technical projects and operating activities.

It is our members who actively participate in VE sessions, licensing classes, and public service events like the Diabetes Walk, Memorial Day parade, and Homedays as well as the presenters at the monthly meetings who allow us to earn the SSC designation! In addition to all of you, I would also like to thank **John Myers, KD8MQ.** He is our Affiliated Club Coordinator – Ohio from the ARRL. John met with Toby and I starting in September to guide us through the renewal process which was essentially a new application. John was also kind enough to give a presentation at a club meeting!

73, Mark, WJ8WM

ARRL Dues Reminder

CARS members, who are also ARRL members, please pay your ARRL dues through the club secretary. CARS receives a reimbursement from the ARRL. Also, anyone who joins the ARRL should do so through CARS, because we are reimbursed a percentage of the initial dues payment, as well.

TNX & 73

CARS
February 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The CARS membership meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, at 7:30 P.M. on the 14th day of the month at the Busch Community Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and introductions were made. The January meeting minutes were approved as they appeared in the February *Wobbly Oscillator* .

Bob, W8GC, gave the treasurer's report of the treasury balance. He reminded all ARRL members to renew their dues through CARS. Bob informed the group the licenseing classes would be beginning March 2nd. There will be classes for Technician, General and Extra. Sign-up can be done on the CARS website. He also said we need to consider a fundraiser. Anyone with an idea should contact Andy, KD8SCV.

Toby let everyone know that Dwain, K8ME, has undergone another surgery on his toe, and will be in rehab for at least another week. He reminded everyone that the March meeting will be a dinner meeting at the Fugi Grill Buffet in Parma. He stressed that the six o'clock dinner is optional, and the meeting will start at it's usual 7:30 time. He asked anyone who wanted to submit an article for the *WO* to please send them to him. He also asked the group if they thought a sell and swap corner be added to the newsletter. Most favored the idea, thinking it would be worth a try.

Mark reported the the ARRL Special Service Club designation has been restored, and CARS can again fly the SSC banner. He added that now we need to go out and do some service.

In Dwain's absense, Toby stated the Hamvention Bus will run again, and the price has been held at $50.00. He thanked Scott, AC8NW, for his connection to procure the bus at a reasonable cost.

Andy, KD8SCV, gave a report on the Board of Directors meeting that was held on January 10th. He said he had been elected Chairman of the Board. The Board also voted unanimously to cease involvement with the Copley school radio clubs. The last item was to make sure Calvin Park was secured for the Field Day site.

Metro, W8MET, reported the last VE session had one person pass his Technician Exam and become a licensed amateur. He also stated the next VE session would be March 12th.

Toby thanked Ed, WB8ROK; Darren, K8DMT and Rich, NW8X for providing the refreshments.

Toby reported that the Field Day Committee, consisting of Arp, K8ARP; Scott, AC8NW; Mark, WJ8WM; and himself held a meeting Sunday. He said the plan was to go with the same stations as last year putting the club in the 5 Alpha class. He mentioned that in addition a GOTA (Get On The Air) station would be incorporated. A GOTA station is a separate station for those who are new hams or new to contesting can operate in a more relaxed atomsphere with the help of an attending veteran.

The First training group will be on Logbook of the World, with Bob, W8GC, leading the discussion. The date and location will be announced soon. Two members stepped up to be net controllers. Both Larry, N8OWS, and Scott, AC8NW, will be joining the rotation beginning in the second quarter. Tom, WB8N, filled the vacancy on the Scholarship Committee.

Bill, WA8GEO, pointed out the Woodchuck ARC would be having presentations at every meeting, and they are listed on QRZ under WA8Q.

Darren, K8DMT, will be taking over the 50/50. Gordon, AI8Y, won his second 50/50 in a row increasing his net worth by $37.00. Gary, NI8Z, and Andy, KD8SCV, both won hats as secondary prizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Submitted by Toby Kolman, WT8O.

Member Spotlight

Scott Smith, AC8NW

How did you become interested in ham radio?

Because both of my parents were/ are hams.K8AJG, Jerry, (now NW9H) and WA8DXY, Martha, known as Dixie (SK). I had a Novice ticket in 1973, I think. I was WN8SDS for a year, but it went by the wayside

What made you decide to take the test?

While talking with my Dad one day, he mentioned he had gotten back into Ham radio after a several year hiatus, and had upgraded to Extra and bought an HF rig. I guess that just sparked an interest that had been dormant for decades. So I started studying and taking practice tests.

When did you get your license(s)?

April 2013

What are your base station radios and antennas?

Yaesu FT-950 for HF and Alinco DR130 for 2 meters. 40 meter Carolina Windom for HF and window line J-pole for 2 meters

What is your "go to" base station HF radio?

The FT-950, by default

What is your mobile set up?

Kenwood TH-F6A handheld into a 5/8 wave mag mount. The Alinco should be in the truck, but it's my base station

What are your favorite on air activities?

Looking for DX, or new states, checking into nets, lately trying to copy code on the air

Why did you join CARS?

It just seemed to be the natural thing to do, considering both my parents were founding members

What would you like to see CARS do to improve?

Probably try to get more young blood into the club. The club was founded by people mostly in their late 20's and 30's. I worry that in 10 years there won't be many members left.

Anything else you would like to say?

Just that I have enjoyed my time in the club so far, there are a lot of knowledgeable and helpful people, which is a great resource.

New Call Sign

Larry Shimerka, formerly KC8VZZ, is now **N8OWS.**

Tech committee chairman, Mike, KD8OUE, enthusiastically assists with the dipole antenna program.

NOTES FROM THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

I know I'm repeating myself, but...I want to, once again, remind everyone that we've reactivated the stand-alone 444.750 repeater in Shaker Hts., which provides alternate repeater coverage for downtown Cleveland, and areas East. It's there to use, so pass that info along to any hams that may have a need in that area.

The committee is here to provide services to every member of CARS that may need assistance with, any ham radio related technical issues. So if you would like assistance, please speak with one of the committee members.

Unfortunately, any comprehensive repeater work is currently on hold, due to weather, Holidays, and work related issues. We plan on having a Technical Committee meeting sometime in March, to schedule restarting this effort in the very near future.
Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

73, Mike Kemmett, KD8OUE

Scholarships

CARS members, it's time to apply for your 2017 CARS scholarship award. We will be awarding two (2) $500 scholarships again this year, these will be awarded to ***any CARS member, son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter*** who is graduating or has graduated high school, received a G.E.D. or successfully passed home schooled high school certification and is going on the a higher Education. A CARS check will be issued to the 2 winning recipients upon submission of a successful enrollment in any certified continuing vocational education program, college program or other appropriate accredited school.

We must receive a completed Application **on or before May 31, 2017**. Just go to the CARS home page and click on Member info in the left column. Select "Scholarship application", print the application, complete and return it to Bob, W8GC, at 7395 Brecksville Rd, Independence, OH 44131 ASAP. The committee will review and select the recipients from all received applications.

Again we will be awarding two $500.00 Scholarships to deserving students.

VE Session

The next CARS VE session will be Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. The location is the Old Town Hall in Independence, 6652 Brecksville Rd. Exams will be given for new licenses or upgrades. Walk-ins are welcome. For information or to schedule, call Metro, W8MET, at 216-520-1320.

Here is just one of the many breathtaking pictures sent in by Dave, KE8DNS, who owns a company that does this amazing work on a daily basis. To Dave, it's just another day at the office. Maybe we can get him to do a meeting program and show more pictures and explain them in detail.

UTC / ZULU TIME

We are five hours behind ZULU time currently. On March 12, 2017 we will be four hours behind ZULU time because of Daylight Savings time. ZULU time of 0000 hours currently is our time of 7:00 P.M. EST. Daylight Savings time will put 0000 hours ZULU at 8:00 P.M. EST. This is just a reminder.

73, Metro, W8MET

WHEN DOING CW

Metro, W8MET

You should know period (.-.-.-), comma (--..--), question mark (..--..) and dash (-...-). The dash I use as a start of a new topic or sentence, or just plain stalling for the next item of interest. These characters are important and are used in QSO's. Know your Q signals. QRM is interference from a nearby signal (or if Trigger is next to you and wants to go out). QRN is static crashes from a storm. QSL is a form of saying YES, or I understand, or I received correctly. QSB is the signal is fading. QRS is a request to the sender to slow down in his words per minute (WPM) because his sending speed in CW is too fast for you to copy. QTH is the location of where you are sending from. QRL means this frequency busy. QRP is using low power. QRT means I am gonna stop sending, shutting down. QRZ means who is calling me? Be familiar with R-S-T system, which is the READABILITY, SIGNAL STRENGTH, and TONE of a signal in CW (599) or SSB (5x9). This is a good starting point.

At last month's meeting the idea was kicked around about having a section in the WO for items members wished to sell or trade. The consensus was let's give it a whirl and see how it goes. Anyone wishing to place an item on the market can contact the editor at wt8o@att.net

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Sell or Swap

For Sale

Steve, K8SAS, has an Icom 718 for sale. 100 Watts, 160-10 meters. Modes include SSB, CW, RTTY, AM and FSK. He is asking $400 for this transceiver.

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VE Participation

Metro, W8MET

Here is a count of the current CARS members who participated in VE sessions. George, K8KR, (93); Ron, K8VJG, (83); Joel, K8SHB, (19); Roger, N8TCP, (83); Tom, WB8N, (143); Gary, NI8Z, (160); Bill, WA8GEO, (4); Larry, N8OWS, (29); Metro, W8MET, (66); Bob, W8GC, (110); Darren, K8DMT, (36); Steve, N8SRJ, (28); Dave, NF8O, (6). Thank you all for a job well done as of January 24, 2017

Ohio Hamfests

March 5, 2017 Sunday 8:00 A.M.-Noon VFW Post 1079 500 S. Abbe Rd 146.7 Mhz (PL110.0Hz)

April 8, 2017 Saturday 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Emidio & Sons Party Center 48 E. Bath Rd. 147.27 Mhz (PL110.9)

Info from *QST* March 2017 Pg.104

Morse Code Tutor

David Prescenzi, KE8DNS, borrowed the MFJ Morse Code Tutor. Good Luck Dave!

March Birthdays

Blaine Coleman, KA8KPB	3/18/46
Bruce Bacik, N8DJX	3/31/42
Dave Karow, AC8TN	3/18/60
Dave Rickon, NF8O	3/3/47
Mike Cegelski, K8EHP	3/2/42
Simpson Huston, N8UZF	3/29/48
Ted Mirgliotta, KB8NW	3/27/52
Terry Pillatt, KB8DTC	3/18/46

The Random Wire

We were experiencing some great weather for a while, but now it's turned cold again. I Hope it turns warm again soon. I can't take this cold stuff!

Anyhow, I went to the Mansfield Winter hamfest with Gary, NI8Z, had a good time. I bought a new mag-mount dual band antenna, as the coax on the one I had on my vehicle somehow pulled out of the antenna. The weather was good. Usually it's cold and icy down there for the Mansfield hamfest.

Other than that, haven't been doing much on the radio. Gary, NI8Z, and I went down to the Coply High School and helped Brad Bennett, W8WEN, with the School Clubs on the Air. Roger, N8TCP, and Metro, W8MET, went down also, on different days. We got several kids on the air and had a good time down there. Dave Dressler, KD8V, and his wife Pat stopped by also.

I sent in my money for the bus trip to the Dayton Hamvention, and already got my Hamvention ticket. I'm looking forward to the Hamvention.

It's almost March as I write this, and I plan to get on the air more next month. My HF rig has just been sitting in the shack, gathering dust of late. I need to do some CW operating also, as I have been lax at doing that. I'm looking for a J38 key, not that I'm gonna use it, I just want one.

I have listed a bunch of stuff that I'm trying to sell on eBay. So far, no takers. I just have collectables, like baseball and other trading cards, etc. I have Babe Ruth stamp sets, for example, Larry Bird cards, Baseball Hall of Fame cards, America's Cup Stamp sets, 1919 Chicago "Black Sox" cards & other collectables such as those. Even some Barbie Dolls, new, in the boxes. Let me know if you're interested.

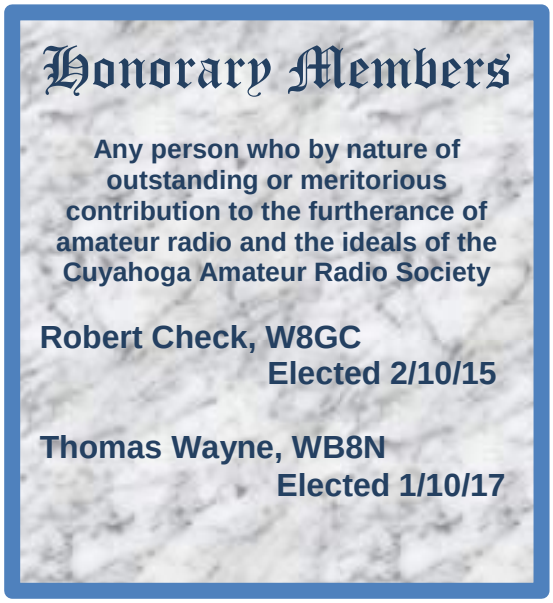
That's it for this month gang. I'll see you at the next meeting and catch you on the air on the Wednesday night net.

73 for this time, de Tom, WB8N

How About That

Metro, W8MET

The oldest, longest licensed US Ham from New York, Charlie, W2RP (SK), has died January 25, 2017. He was 106 years old and was licensed for 92 years. He was first licensed in 1925 at 15 years of age. NOW YOU KNOW


Honorary Members
Any person who by nature of outstanding or meritorious contribution to the furtherance of amateur radio and the ideals of the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society
Robert Check, W8GC
Elected 2/10/15
Thomas Wayne, WB8N
Elected 1/10/17

Again this month Metro, W8MET, star DXer and contester has taken time out to suggest to fellow CARS members and *WO* readers operating activities and events he believes would be FUN to partake in.

Metro's Picks

ON-THE-AIR

March 4, 0000 Friday-March 5, 2359 Sunday ARRL International DX Contest SSB 1.8-28 MHz
March 11, 1700-2359 Sat.-USS Midway Special Event SSB 14.320, 7.250 Mhz-PSK31 14.070 Mhz
March 11, 1400 Sat.-March 12, 2000 Sun. 3.5-50 Mhz. for the Oklahoma QSO Party-CW, Ph, Dig
March 11, 1500 Saturday-March 12,1500 Sunday 160 Meter CW Stew Perry Topband Challenge
March 11,1900 Saturday-March 12,1900 Sunday Idaho QSO Party 1.8-28Mhz. CW Ph Dig
March 12, 0000-0400 Saturday 3.5-14.000 Mhz. North American Sprint RTTY Dig
March 12 1800 Sunday-March 13, 0100 Wisconsin QSO Party CW, Ph, Dig on All Bands
March 18, 1400 Sat.-March 19,2000 Sun.- Louisiana QSO Party-CW, Ph, Dig on 1.8-144 Mhz
March 18, 1400 Saturday-March 19, 2359 Sunday Virginia QSO Party CW, Ph, Dig All Bands
March 25,0000-2359 Friday-Saturday FOC QSO Party 1.8-VHF Mhz
March 25 0000 Friday-March 26 2359 Sunday CQ WW WPX Contest SSB 1.8-28.0 Mhz

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Participating is FUN FUN FUN...ENJOY!!!!

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"I do not like work even when someone else does it."
Mark Twain

Please reserve and pay for your "*2017 Hamvention*" ride to Xenia, OH Bus Trip ASAP.

Saturday May 20, 2017 CARS is again sponsoring a Bus trip to the *"2017 Hamvention"* 1st time now located at the Green County Fairgrounds, Xenia, OH.

Every amateur radio operator in the world probably dreams about going to the Hamvention (formerly Dayton Hamvention) at least once. Please join us in 2017, it is an incredible event in a new Venue and offers something for everyone.

The Bus trip will cost $50.00 dollars per person, we will not stop for breakfast on the way down, but there may be a fast food stop on the way home. You are responsible for both your food and Hamvention tickets. Go to *http://www.hamvention.org/tickets.php* to order your tickets.

Stop 1: The 56 passenger bus will leave promptly at 5:00 am from the Kmart parking lot at the intersection of Engle and Bagley Roads, in Middleburg Heights, Engle Road is a 1/4 mile west of I-71, Kmart is behind the Gas station. Vehicles will be safe, there is security.

Stop 2: The bus will also pickup riders at I-71 & Rt 303 at the SE corner of the Kmart parking lot and will depart for Xenia at approximately 5:30 am.

When ordering tickets please tell us which stop you will be at.

Bus tickets must be purchased and paid for in advance.

If you have any questions please see Dwaine at a CARS meeting or call him at 440-582-3462. Checks must be made out to CARS and mailed to: **Dwaine Modock K8ME, 8113 Thornhurst Dr., North Royalton, OH 44133 attn. Xenia bus**

73, Dwaine, K8ME

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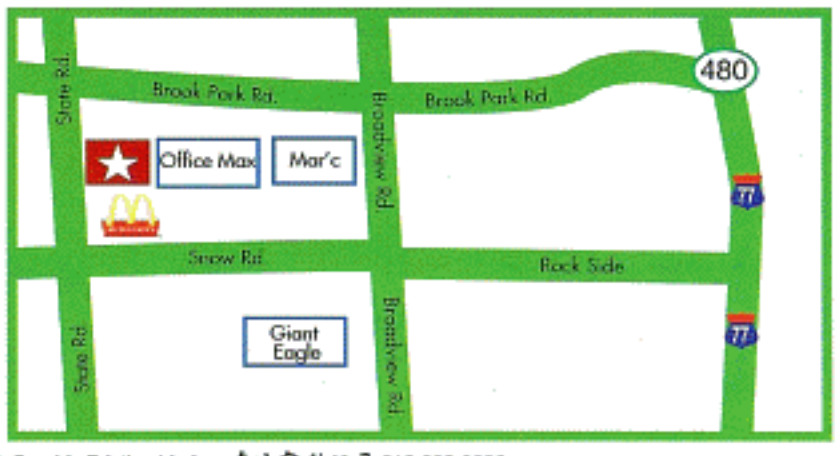
We have different soups, Our clam chowder is so creamy & smooth, oh, so good! We have a salad bar that cannot be missed. Our dessert bar is my favorite with carrot & chocolate cakes by Serra Lee (unbelievable). There's Boston cream cake, coconut cream pie, lemon meringue & cheese cake, banana pudding. We have a fruit bar you must see. There is much much more, please come to see for yourself, it's truly the Talk of the Town!

Every item is delicious & the servers are so friendly, you will love it.



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